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(SUBJECT.)

=Famine- (Bellary) - Bellary Taluk Bellary-Jalnar Road Relief work closure - Govt's action approved by Govt

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

Received ..... *Registered*

From (Name) E.C. Wood Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector,

POST BOX ....., (STATION) Bellary.

Telegraphic Address .....

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

Madras.

Ref.A5. *No.* 223/38, *dated* 9-2-38 19

Sir,

Famine - Relief works - Bellary-Talur Road.

The response to the opening of this road has been much less than I expected. I inspected the work yesterday and it appeared to me that the distress in this part of is considerably less than in some other places in which the works have not yet been opened. The number of workers is few, considering that the area is fairly thickly populated according to the standard of this district. The attendance also is unusually irregular, an indication that the distress is not such as to induce persons work continuously on a famine work. Few children are being brought to the kitchens and the workers told me that they were being fed in their villages. Some of the workers told me that the kitchens were too distant for the children. But this was not always true; for example only 2 children came from Gudadur, although the kitchen is about half a mile from the village. And the women in the gang from Korlagondi stoutly denied that they had any children, an absurdity. The fact that children have not been attending the kitchens indicates that the -- distress among them is not very severe.

probably be the most suitable. Meanwhile there are other areas much more urgently in need of relief and I am, therefore, closing this work. The hospital and kitchen staff are being moved to Nandavaram, where there is very urgent need. and the Charge Officer and Work-Agents to Aspari, where have proposed a test work in my Ref.No. 5906/37, dated 8-2-1938. Most of the people who have been working on the Bellary-Talur road can find relief on the Moka-Gulyam road and on the Sirugeri-Karur road.

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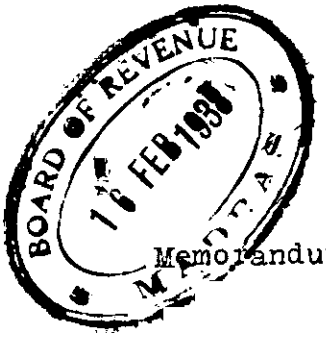

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Memorandum No.1158-E/38-2 dated 15th February 1938.

Famine -(Bellary) - Gududur work - Closure - Telegram from the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue.

Representations have been made to the Hon'ble Revenue Minister that the relief work at Gududur should not be closed since the number has risen to 1,000. The Famine Commissioner and the Collector are requested to consider the representations made and take such action as they think necessary.

B. G. HOLDSWORTH,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement). with copy of telegram.
Copy to the Collector of Bellary with copy of telegram.

F O R W A R D E D.
(By Order)

Superintendent,
Revenue Department.

P.T.O.

Dr M.Lakshmidevamma M.L.A.

D. ABDUL RAWOOF B. A., B. L.,
VAKIL
MEMBER LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

BELLARY.

16th February 193 8

M 1166/38

BOARD OF REVENUE
17 FEB 1938
MADRAS

To

The Hon'ble Premier

Fort St George

Madras.

Dear Sir,

In our District in a village " Gududur " the Collector opened a relief work. The work was started in January 1938 and from the date of opening till last week the number of workers was about 700 to 900 but during the last week the number fell to about 600. The District Collector visited the camp on the 8th instant and made up his mind to close the camp. Thereupon both us and Messrs B.Bhima Rao and M.Sitarama Reddi M.L.A. wrote to the Collector requesting him to continue the camp for sometime more. The reason for the fall in number was due to the temporray work the villagers were able to find in the fields for picking up the dried stalks of cholam and picking the little cotton that was in the fields. Skies were clouded and there was fear of rain which will mean the villagers losing the little fodder that could be got. The villagers were therefore busy collecting the fodder and bringing it home. As stated above that kind of work was only temporary and could not solve the problem and was relieve the distress that is accute.

In the villages round about the said camp remissions were granted last year as there was failure of crops and this year the conditions are much worse Now that the temporary work is over there are large number of people who will come to work and who need relief.

Yesterday the people of the villages numbering about 2000 came to Bellary and saw the Collector this morning after his return from Madras

Both of us and Mr B.Bhima Rao M.L.C. represented to the Collector this day that there is accute distress and that therefore the camp should be continued we assured him that the number of workers will not be less than 1000 and ~~tha~~ we suggested that he may close the camp should the number any day fall below 1000.The collector exressed his inability to do anything in the matter.

Some people of the affected villages met the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue at Guntakal when he was going to Haripura and requested him to continue the camp and we are made to understand that he has sent a telegram to Famine Commissioner and another telggram to the Collector to continue the camp.Mr A.Vitarama Reddi M.L.A. has also ~~written~~ wired to the Famine Commissioner in this connection before he left for Haripura.

As the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue is away at Haripura we are writing to you. We request you to kindly move in the matter and have necessary order issued to continue the camp.The real distress begins now after all the tempro work in the fields is over.The matter is very urgent.There are nearly people who are faced with starvation.The other relief works in the taluqs are at a distance of about 8 to 10 miles and we think it will be cruel to expect these p ople to go that distance for work

We therefore once again request you to kindly do the needful in the matter and see that the said Gududur famine relief work is continued.

We are,Dear Sirs

Yours faithfully.

N. Lakshmidevi M.L.A

D. Narasinga Rao

Copy to the Famine Commissioner
Revenue Board Fort
Chepauk Mads

16/2/38 P.M

BOARD OF REVENUE 17 FEB 1938 MADRAS

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

1166/38

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Famine - (Bellary) - Gududur work - Closure

Representation from Messrs. Seetharama Reddy and Pompa Reddy, dated 14-2-1938.

Endorsement No.1158-E/38-4 dated 16th February 1938.

Copy forwarded to the Collector of Bellary.

2. The Collector is requested not to discontinue the Gududur work, if it has not been discontinued already and to submit through the Board of Revenue a full report on the matter. If, however, it has been discontinued, the Collector is requested to report through the Board the exact steps which he proposes to take for the relief of the persons who have been resorting to the Gududur work.

3. A very early reply is requested.

B. G. HOLDSWORTH,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Bellary. | with a copy of the petition.
Board of Revenue (L.R.&.S.) with a copy of Telegram |

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F O R W A R D E D.

(BY ORDER)

V. Ramaiyar

Superintendent,
Revenue Department.

TJT/16.2.

Copy of representation from Messrs. Seetharama Reddy and Pompa Reddy dated 14-2-1938.

We beg to bring the following facts to your notice for favourable consideration:-

The villages of Gududur, Handehal and the sunrounding villages have been declared as famine area, and from the 13th of last month a famine camp has been opened in the village of Gududur. The attendance at the camp rose to over 900, but during the last one week it fell to about 400. This fall was temporary, and was due to the fact that some labourers were employed in the surrounding villages for cutting the cholam stalk that remained on the ~~fields~~

fields, which could be used for fodder. Since all the cutting has been done the labourers have come back to the camp, and today's attendance at the famine camp was over one thousand.

2. The Collector of Bellary visited the Gudur camp about five or six days back, and seeing that the attendance had fallen, decided to close the camp, inspite of the fact that the representatives of the District in the Assembly and in the Council put in before him in writing a suggestion that the camp should be continued for some time more to ascertain whether the fall was due to any temporary cause as they came to learn that it was. But the Collector seems to have decided to close down the camp inspite of this reprsentation, and has issued orders accordingly. The Camp will be closed down tomorrow unless the orders are stayed.

3. The condition of the labourers and the ryots will be more acute and distressing in the coming months than what it has been hitherto. We, therefore, request that your Honour would kindly order that the camp should be retained for a week more to ascertain whether the recent fall in the attendance was only temporary, or was due to permanent causes. And if the attendance should continue to rise during this period we pray that the Camp might be continued throughout the period of distress.

When the Collector proposed to stop the work the number was about 400. To-day the number is about one thousand and therefore this should be continued.
H.SITARAMA REDDY.
M.L.A.
14-2-38.

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Copy of telegram dated 14-2-1938 from Hon'ble Mr. T. Prakasam, Revenue Minister, Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Received petition that relief work in Gududur should continue because todays number is one thousand instruct Famine Commissioner and Bellary Collector by wire.

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Copy of telegram from the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department to the Collector of Bellary, dated 16th February 1938.

If famine work Gududur not already closed it should be continued pending further orders.

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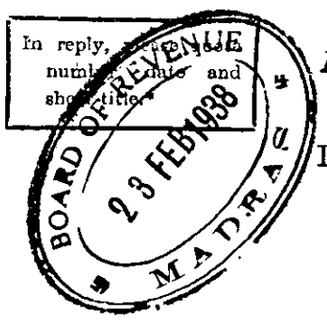
"Famine-Urgent"

Revenue DEPARTMENT.



In reply, please quote number, date and subject of this office.

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(Designation) Collector,

Post Box....., (Station) Bellary.

Telegraphic Address.....

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Ref. *No.* A-5-223-38 *dated* 21-2-38. 19

Sir,

* Famine= Relief works- Bellary-Talur road.

Enclosures.....

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Spare Copies.....

Ref:- Government Endorsement No. 1158-E-38-4 dated 16-2-38.

At the end of December I inspected the work on the Moka-Gulyam road and found that some persons were attending it from about 5 miles to the west of it. From this and from my general knowledge of the area I thought that a work was desirable along the Bellary-Talur road and, as I thought the position clear, I opened the work from the outset as a Relief work.

I have since been watching the reports on this work and came to suspect that the opening of it was a mistake. I inspeted the work on the 8th of February. I found the conditions in sharp contrast with those on other works.

Number on work-
Statement pp 25-26 of (B)

Report only from 14th.

The work was opened on the 13th January 1938 and by the 18th the number of workers was 641. From that time the attendance has been very irregular and except for one day the number has varied between about 550 and 725. When I inspected the work and checked the muster rolls, I found there also that the attendance was very irregular, the workers coming for a few days, then absenting themselves and then returning again. When there is severe distress, workers do not attend in this irregular fashion. In fact it is obvious that, if the wage is(as it is supposed to be

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sufficient to buy a day's food, distressed workers must attend regularly, if they are to feed themselves.

At all times the number of women has far exceeded the number of ~~men~~ men, there being generally about 2 women to one man. The inference is that the men have other work or other means of subsistence, and are using their women-folk merely to add to their income. However this may be it is in any case clear that there are a number of men who do not need famine relief.

From some villages near the work, no workers were coming at all. I found when I inspected the work, that comparatively few children were being brought to the kitchens and many of the workers told me that they were being fed in their villages. This again is not a condition which is found upon workers where the need for relief is great. I found that in one of the feeding sheds only four children were attending. It seemed to me wasteful to set up an elaborate staff in order to provide food for children where it was so little required.

The area served by the relief work is comparatively thickly populated for the standards of this district, and ~~that~~ the fact is that the attendance of this kind was incompatible with an urgent need for relief work. On the other hand I had found that the work on the Nandavaram- Nagaldinne road was attracting about 3,000 people, that the numbers were increasing rapidly, that the children and dependants urgently required relief and medical attendance. It was clear to me that the kitchen and hospital, which were being maintained on the Bellary-Talur road, would be more useful on the Nandavaram- Nagaldinne road. I needed also Charge Officers and Work-Agents to open three new works in the Adoni and Alur taluks, and consequently moved the Charge Officer and Work Agents from Bellary-Talur road to open these new works. Subsequent experience has shown that my expectations were correc The number of persons relieved on the Nandavaram- Nagaldinne road has continued rapidly to increase and now exceeds 6,000, that is to say, about ten times the number on the Bellary-Talur road. The only new test work, for which I received figures, is on the Adoni-Aspari road and the number there was 1813 on the 18th day of February.

When I came to the conclusion that the Bellary-Talur road should be closed, I simultaneously made arrangements for opening work on the Bellary-Siruguppa

road and have now obtained sanction for doing this. When this has been done, the areas served by the Bellary-Talur road will lie between two works, one on the Moka-Gulyam road and the other on the Bellary-Siruguppa road. These works are, approximately 9 miles apart and the whole of the area will thus be within, say, five miles of the one work or the other. It will be better served than almost any other part of the district. During all this time there has been work on the Moka-Gulyam road and most workers on the Bellary-Talur road could attend that work, as they were doing before work is opened on the Bellary-Talur road.

The work on the Bellary-Talur road adjoins Bellary Town and for this reason, although it has been far the least important work in the district, has received more attention than any other. It has, of course, been a convenience and the closing of the work has removed this convenience. But the agitation for the continuance of the work has been disingenuous. It happened that I inspected the work on the morning before a conference of officials and non-officials held in accordance with G.O. No. 2470 Development dated 6-11-37. I informed the persons present of the reasons for the closure and the far greater requirements in other parts of the district and that I would shortly be opening the work on the Bellary-Siruguppa road. Mr. Sitarama Reddi was present. The statement in the letters of Messrs. Sitarama Reddi and Pompa Reddi are incorrect. The attendance never rose to over 900 except on the 14th of February. Before that the highest figure had been 756 and the attendance had, as I mentioned, generally fluctuated between about 550 and 725. On the last working day before the 14th the attendance was 665. On the 14th it suddenly rose, owing to the agitation which had taken place, which has been industriously organised, including even the provision of a photographer when a gathering of ryots came to my office. The work never fell to about 400. And, so far as the attendance on the day on which I inspected the work is concerned, I did not know it until after I left, as the figures had not been compiled. It is quite incorrect to say that I closed the work because of the fall in attendance on that day. The decision was

was due to the reasons which I have given.

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22-2-38.
For Collector.

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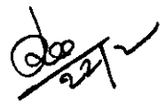

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SUBJECT :— Jamini (Bellary) Bellary taluk Bellary-Talur Road relief work- closure report- submitted

READ AGAIN _____, dated _____ 19____.

" " _____ " _____ 19____.

READ *ALSO* :—

p3cf No. M1418 From the ~~Collector~~ Govt R.D. Memo, No. 1158E/38.2, dated 15-2 19 38.

pp7-8cf " M1443 " ~~Collector~~ " Ext 1158/38.4 " 16.2 19 38.

" _____ " _____ " _____ " _____ 19____.

1.cc HH/ Order / Resolution Ms. / Rout. Ref M. 1166/38-1 No. _____, dated 25 - 2 - 19 38.

With reference to the memo and endorsement from Govt read above the Board ~~begs to~~ submit copies of letters from the Collector of Bellary Nos A.5 223/38 dated 9.2.38 and A.5 223/38 dated 21.2.38 and ~~to~~ requests that in the circumstances explained in detail by the Coll., the Govt. may be pleased to approve ~~of~~ his action in closing the work. A statement

showing the number of workers on the work from the date of its opening is also submitted in the annexure below

bk 25-26 of (B).

To the Secretary to Govt, Rev Deptt (with Copies of 2 letters from the Colr of Bellary (attached to draft)

BR 24/2 WD 24/2

Annexure

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Closed on the 15th.

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BOARD OF REVENUE MADRAS FEB 1938

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Famine Commissioner madras

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= Sitaramreddy M L A

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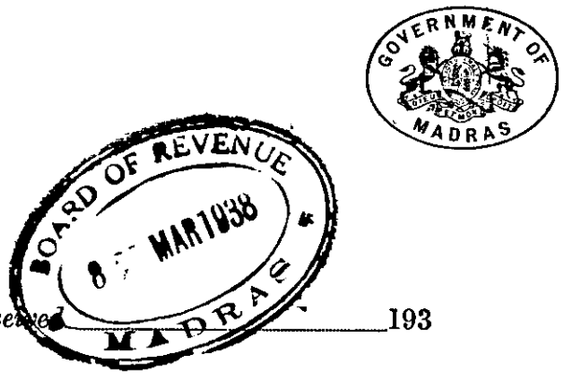

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Abstract.

Famine - (Bellary) - Bellary taluk - Bellary Talur Road - Relief work - Closure - Collector's action - Approved.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. Ms: 605, dated the 4th March 938

READ the following paper:

ENCLOSURES.

No. 1857-8C

1893 14C

Memorandum to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue & Settlement, No.1158 E/38-2, dated 15th February 1938.

To the Board of Revenue, Endorsement No.1158 E/38- dated the 16th February 1938.

From the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, Ref. No. M-1166/38-1, dated 25th February 1938.

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O R D E R.

In the circumstances reported, the Government approve the action of the Collector of Bellary in having closed the Bellary-Talur relief work on the 15th February 1938.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

B.G. Holdsworth,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement.

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SUBJECT :— Famine - (Bellary) - B[illegible] taluk - Bellary Taluk - road - Relief work - closure - action approved. - G.C Command

READ AGAIN _____, dated _____ 19____.

" " _____ " _____ 19____.

READ *ALSO* :— Reg A5 223/38

No. 1567 From the Coll of Bellary, No. _____, dated 21-2-1938. Q

No. 1882 " Govt Rev. Secs 605 dated 4-3-1938. A

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Order / Resolution (Ms.) / ~~Rout.~~ No. 752, dated 9. 3. 1938.

Communication dated to the Coll of Bellary

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Note file

Famine (Bellary) Relief work - Bellary Taluk Road closure

M. 1166 from the Coll. Bellary

A.S.(Selt)

Please see the letter from the Coll. of Bellary at p 1 c/f

The work was started straightaway as a relief work on the recommendation of the Collector. The attendance has been both unsteady and poor. The reasons for the closure of the work are given in detail by the Collector.

There is no provision in the Code dealing with the closure of relief works on the grounds specified by the Collector. Section 53 of the Code deals with the closure

of test works if they do not attract large number of w ters. The Coll. has probably gone by analogy and closed the relief work. He, however states ~~do the Con~~ that the workers discarded from the work may find employment on the Moka-Gulyam Road or the Sirigiri Karru Road.

A telegram has been received to-day from Mr Sitarama Reddi praying for the cancellation of the Coll's orders closing the work

Submitted for orders

p 3 below

Mr Wood was in office Yesterday the how he has his opening of this work Straightaway as relief work has been an error Rich in recorded Though him is no provision for his summary closing down of a relief work

Think his proposal may be accep the Emphasised his he has for these his limited staff his best possible advantage & his efficiency of getting work you in R.D. is fervently his seeing all the test works his he considers necessary

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BOARD OF REVENUE 14 FEB 1938

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Secretary Revenue Board Madras

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A.S.(Sel.)

Please see the Govt memo at p. 3 c/f.

In view of the reasons adduced by the Collr for closing the work, the Board has approved his action. Pl. orders whether the Govt may be informed accordingly in reply

approving the Collr's action and replying that the Govt memo will be submitted after orders are passed

PR. 17/2 WD 17/2

Yesterday Some orders from Govt about this were rcd. Put up that

18/8/27.

A.S (Selt)

The Govt memorandum referred to above is at p. 7 cf. The Govt have directed that the work should not be closed if not done already; if already closed they have asked for a report about the steps to be taken for the relief of the workers discharged. Submitted for orders.

A Copy of the letter to the Premier from Dr Lakshmidevamma and Mr Abdul Rawoof M.L.As. urging the non-closure.

of the work is at pp 5-6 C.f. It is submitted for perusal and order.

BR
18/2

WD
The Collr report may be awaited. He may be asked to if no report is rec'd in 7 days
18/2/58

A.S (Selt)

The Collr of Bellary has not sent any reply to the Govt memo at pp 7-8 C.f. The following telegram is therefore submitted as per order above

Draft telegram

Bellary Taluk Road Closure
Govt. Endorsement 1158 of 16th. Expedite reply.

BR
21/2 WD
21/2/58

A.S. (Selt)

Please see the Letter from the Colr. of Bellary at pp 9-11 c.f. _ ---------

The Colr. has dealt with the situation in detail and given his reasons for closing the work. He has also shown how the workers discarded from the work will be none the ~~work~~ worse for the closure of the work since they have the Moka-Guljam Road and the Bellary Siruguppa Road on either side within a reach of 5 miles.

The Colrs letter and his first letter at pp 1-2 c.f. may be submitted to the Govt in reply to their Memo. Nos. 1158 E 38/2 dated 15.2.38 and 1158 E 38/4 dated 16.2.38 p/3 c.f. pp 7-8 c.f.

Particulars of attendance on the work ever since its opening may also be submitted since the Colr frequently refers

to the attendance on the work. It is enough if the number of workers alone is given since the Coll. refers only to this.

The Board may also recommend to Govt that the action of the Coll. in closing the work may be approved in the circumstances explained by him

for orders.

PSR 23/2 [illegible] 23/2

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J.S. [illegible]

Mr

A.S. (Selt)

Draft submitted

PSR 24/2 [illegible] 24/2

[illegible] 25/2/38

[Issued as Bd's Rly M 1166/38-1 dy 25.2.38. M 1882 from Govt]

To AS (Selt)

at pp 13-14 of and the Rly

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AS (Selt)

Mr

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AS (Selt)

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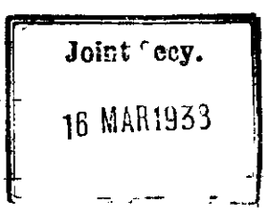

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